

## AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 9 APRIL 2018, AT AUGHTON VILLAGE HALL ANNEXE, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Graham Jones

MEMBERS PRESENT: As recorded in the Register of Attendance

10917 APOLOGIES were tendered on behalf of:

Councillor Walne - indisposed

APOLOGIES were READ and APPROVED.

10918 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – members were reminded to declare their interests at the start of each Agenda Item or when appropriate.

10919 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 MARCH 2018, copies circulated prior to meeting, were APPROVED and SIGNED as a correct record.

10920 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (for information only):

a) Annual Parish Assembly – following her acceptance to attend the Parish Assembly, Chief Inspector Jill Halliwell had updated the Parish Council (18 March 2018) on the temporary closure of Aughton Police Station and confirmed the police were in contact with the Leaseholder to undertake remedial repairs as soon as possible.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this stage and invited comments/questions from members of the public present. He welcomed Borough Councillor David Westley and County Councillor Paul Greenall to the meeting.

A question and answer session took place on the Review of the Local Plan/the Emerging Local Plan between a resident from Long Lane, some members of the Parish Council and Borough Councillor Westley who was invited by the Chairman to participate.

The Long Lane resident (Chairman of ARG 2012) advised the Parish Council of a proposed Labour Party Meeting to be held at Aughton Village Hall on Wednesday, 11 April, at which the WLBC Portfolio Holder for Planning would be speaking on the Parris Lane Appeal decision and the Local Plan Review.

Councillor Jones said Aughton Parish Council was non-political and had not been invited to attend but he had no objection to any member going in person as a local resident in his/her own right.

With regards to the Parris Lane Appeal Decision (to be reported later on the Agenda), the Chairman congratulated the Borough Council team and all other parties involved in the process. The Parish Council appreciated the time and financial commitment made by the Borough Council in opposing the Appeals.

Residents from The Serpentine and Noel Gate raised concerns about the lengthy closure of Aughton Police Station due to outstanding repairs.

The Chairman suggested those concerns should be raised with the Chief Inspector at the Annual Parish Assembly – the Police Station Lease was between Lancashire Constabulary and the Rail Authority. The Parish Council had raised the matter with Chief Inspector Jill Halliwell (refer Para.10920a) above)

A second resident from Long Lane raised the issue of the provision of a SpID for Long Lane. A meeting between LCC and the police had been proposed and feedback was awaited.

County Councillor Greenall agreed to investigate and update the Parish Council on the matter.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had applied for a matched funding Capital Scheme with the Borough Council to enable 3 SpIDs to be considered for the Parish.

A resident from Quarry Drive spoke about his planning application for the demolition of the dwelling, due to structural and hydrology damage, and the building of a replacement dwelling. He referred to the Structural Engineer's Report and the recommendation to demolish and rebuild in a similar style to maintain the character of the Granville Park Conservation Area.

A resident from Bold Lane raised his objections to the proposed new dwelling at the rear of Aughton Institute including increase in height, overbearing, land ownership and landscaping issues.

The Chairman said that both applications would be considered by the Parish Council during the next Agenda Item.

There being no further questions, the Chairman resumed the meeting.

(\*Councillor Jones, a friend of the applicant, declared a DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST in 2018/0166/FUL and confirmed he would leave the meeting during discussion of the application)

10921 PLANNING

a) Weekly List Items

There were NO COMMENTS in the cases of:

2018/0207/FUL 0252 2017/1144 2018/0276

In the case of:

2018/0241/FUL Aughton Institute Land – members referred to comments made on a previous application on this site which received planning permission (2016/1008/FUL), ie concern about the over-development of this backland location in totality. This latest application showed a significant increase in the height and massing of the proposed dwelling which would result in loss of residential amenity to nearby properties. An organised site visit was considered desirable to allow members of the Planning Committee the opportunity to view the impact the proposal would have on 18 Ledson Grove and 11c Bold Lane, including the landscaping proposal, hedge and tree issues which had been raised by the owners of both properties.

(\*Councillor Jones (Chairman) left the meeting at this stage and the Vice-Chairman took the Chair)

2018/0166/FUL 'Charlton' Quarry Drive – members referred to the history of the site and the previous proposal 2016/1183/FUL (refused). Members iterated previous comments and raised no objections to the latest application providing the demolition of this property was essential for 'health and safety' reasons and the proposed replacement dwelling would preserve or enhance the character of Granville Park Conservation Area.

(Councillor Jones returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair)

2018/0180/FUL 86 Winifred Lane – members raised no objections to the proposal or to the amendment notice in respect of the boundary fencing.

2017/1309/FUL Birches Brow, Formby Lane – members had no objections to the proposal providing it could be conditioned as ancillary use to the main building.

2018/0003/COU Lime Tree Barn, 59 Winifred Lane – members had no objections in principle to the proposed change of use of the barn to a pet crematorium providing the use conformed with West Lancashire Local Plan Policy and met the approval/conditions of any statutory undertakers.

2018/0218/FUL 16 Granville Park – members had no comments to make on the proposal other than to point out that this was now a retrospective application.

2018/0298/FUL 26A New Lane – members raised no objections to the proposal and the amended details were noted.

2018/0342/PNC 1 Malt Kiln Farm, Malt Kiln Lane – the proposed dwelling house would be in a fairly isolated location but members raised no other comments at this stage.

Para.10921 (Continued)

b) Appeals – Notice of Appeal Decisions:

Appeal Ref: APP/P2365/W/15/3132594 Land to the east of Prescott Road (Wainhomes Developments Ltd)

Appeal Ref: APP/P2365/W/15/3132596 Land to the north west of Parris Lane (Redrow Homes Ltd)

Although evidence was heard on a joint basis, each Appeal was considered on its own merits and separate decisions were issued. Both Appeals were DISMISSED and concluded as follows:

‘None of the triggers for Plan B have been activated and the proposed development conflicts with Policies GN2 and RS6. It would involve the loss of a significant area of BMV agricultural land and conflicts with Policy EN2. The Council can demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing sites (the supply of deliverable housing sites is 2,105 dwellings compared to the requirement of a minimum of 2,034 dwellings. This equates to 5.17 years supply). Relevant policies in the Local Plan are not out of date in terms of paragraph 49 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) or for any other reason. Under these circumstances the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in paragraph 14 of the NPPF does not apply. Material considerations do not provide a justification for granting planning permission.’

c) Planning Control – none.

10922 VICE-CHAIRMAN/PARISH CLERK’S APRIL MEETING WITH THE LOCAL POLICE –

a brief report was given on the meeting held 3 April 2018. There had been 17 reported crimes since the last meeting including 1 malicious communication; 3 assault with injury; 3 domestic type incidents; 1 criminal damage to vehicles (Stanley Arms); 1 case of shoplifting (Co-op Convenience Store); 4 burglary in a dwelling (Beech Road, Long Lane, Standhouse Lane, Gaw Hill Lane); 1 public fear, alarm or distress; 1 interference with a motor vehicle (Hillrise View); 1 criminal damage (other) (Prescot Road); 1 theft (other) or unauthorised taking (Long Lane). Additional information, on a comparison of reported crimes in Southern Parishes, there had been 34 reported crimes with 17 of those being in Aughton. In respect of the number of incidents dealt with other than reported crimes, there had been 272 incidents in Southern Parishes with 121 of those being in Aughton.

10923 RACHEL TAYLOR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD PLAYAREA – it was NOTED that a further update from the local police was awaited and the local residents who had complained to the police of nuisance and antisocial behaviour in the playarea and the immediate locality, and had informed the Clerk of their attendance at the April Meeting, were not present.

The Chairman said the police worked on an evidential basis and so in order to encourage a police presence, there was a need for local residents to call ‘101’ or ‘999’ or ‘Crimestoppers’ to report antisocial behaviour or serious nuisance, in order to get the crimes logged.

10924 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

a) Highways Act 1980 Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981: Lydiate Footpath 4 (Part) WLBC Public Path Diversion Order 2018 – the making of the Order was received and NOTED.

b) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984: revocations and speed limits – Order 201 – West Lancashire – the introduction of such measures on various roads in Aughton (40mph speed restriction on Mill Lane, Cut Lane, Shepherds Lane) – received and NOTED without objection.

c) Consultation on proposed changes to disabled person’s NoWcard Scheme – residents views to be sent to [www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay) - NOTED.

d) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984: Notice of a temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic Order 2018 on Long Lane from its junction with Rose Place for a distance of 25m heading in a north westerly direction – from 0930hrs until 15.30hrs on Thursday, 14 June or until completion of the works – necessary to allow utility works to be carried out. NOTED

10925 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS: Ethical Standards Consultation and Trading Standards Rogue Traders – the information had been circulated to members and was NOTED.

## 10926 PARISH FINANCE:

- a) to receive an update on approved expenditure (circulated to members) - an update was given on delegated authority at 12 March & 31 March 2018 (Minutes March 2018, Para.10915).
- b) to consider and approve the purchase of a replacement mower (previously reported) – notes circulated prior to meeting. Following a demonstration of an ex demo Trimax Procut 210 rotary mower in excellent condition with 12 month warranty (hitched behind the tractor), the purchase had been secured prior to the start of the grass-cutting season at the beginning of April. It was RESOLVED to approve payment to Richard Campey Ltd of Macclesfield in the sum of £4,750 (plus VAT) Sundry Creditor/Machinery Repairs & Renewals Fund. (refer Minutes March 2018, Para.10914).

## 10927 ITEM DEFERRED FROM LAST MEETING:

- a) Redsands Park: line of mature conifer trees – an extract from the Arboricultural Survey had been circulated to members. After discussion, it was AGREED to undertake the work, when appropriate, following a bird nesting survey, using Viking Tree Services of Rufford (approved arboricultural contractor) in the sum of £1,200 (plus VAT) (refer Minutes March 2018, Para.10914a).

## 10928 FUTURE MEETINGS – to consider and confirm dates.

- a) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – Committee Meeting, 2 May 2018, Aughton Village Hall Committee Room, time to be confirmed.
- b) Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor: Co-option – Interview Committee Meeting - 2 May 2018, Aughton Village Hall Committee Room, time to be confirmed.
- c) Finance/Governance – to be confirmed at May Meeting.

## 10929 ACCOUNTS - to receive and approve (circulated to members)

Refer Minutes March 2018, Para.

Income	Interest from Bank	33.51
2017/2018	VAT Reimbursement 2017/2018 (part)	5,502.55
	Interest from Investment – annual total	549.36
Expenditure		
2017/2018	Imprest Renewal to end March	73.00
	S Moorcroft – expenses (1 month)	27.00
	P & R Electrical Contractors Ltd – modification to floodlights	1,240.00
	Earth Anchors Ltd – replacement litter bins & seats	4,567.20
	Lancashire Turf Supplies Ltd – intensive bowling green maintenance	250.32
	Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,331.79
	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	154.84
Income		
2018/2019		-
Expenditure		
2018/2019	Graeme Jarvis – joiner (Sports Pavilion) (Sundry Creditor)	150.00
	Rawsthorne Commercial Landscaping – grounds maintenance	989.00
	S Moorcroft – expenses 1 month (part)	9.00
	Richard Campey Ltd – purchase of replacement rotary mower (S.Creditor)	5,700.00
	Salaries – part-time Clerk/part-time Park-keeper	1,359.32
	HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax & NIC	155.80

It was RESOLVED that all the foregoing accounts be paid.

## 10930 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Meeting to be held 14 May 2018.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.